

House Resolution No. 348

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a significant event in the history of a worthy organization that has distinguished itself as a longtime friend of the working farmer; and

Whereas, the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation was recognized as one of the nation's top state Farm Bureau organizations during the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) 84th Annual meeting held in Tampa, Florida; and

Whereas, the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation was exceedingly proud to receive the coveted AFBF President's Award, the American Farm Bureau's most prestigious award; and

Whereas, the President's Award is presented annually to the top state Farm Bureaus in the nation based upon competitions between states of similar membership size that are divided into six different categories; and

Whereas, competing in the 55,000 to 150,000-member category, the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation earned the top award for the eighth time; and

Whereas, in order to be eligible for the AFBF President's Award, state Farm Bureaus must prove excellence in the organization's twelve program categories which include membership; commodity and marketing information; young farmers and ranchers program; public relations; state and local governmental affairs; leadership and organization development; public policy implementation; special programs; political education programs, policy development; agriculture in the classroom; and agriculture promotion; and

Whereas, the Missouri Farm Bureau received a gold star for excellence, the highest possible recognition, in each of the AFBF program categories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 348, adopted February 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker